

From: Diane Whitlock
To: Ms. Renata Hesse
Date: 1/28/02 1:15pm
Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Diane Whitlock
PO Box 44
Martinsville, VA 24114-0044

January 28, 2002

Ms. Renata Hesse
U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
601 D Street NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530

Ms. Hesse:

I would like to express my support for the revised proposed Final Judgment in the U.S. v. Microsoft case. This lengthy litigation has cost taxpayers more than \$35 million, and final approval is clearly in the public interest.

The terms of the settlement offer a fair resolution for all sides of this case. Consumers will be able to select a variety of pre-installed software on their computers, and it will be easier to substitute competitors' products after purchase as well.

The country needs the economic stability this settlement can provide. I urge the DOJ to submit the revised proposed Final Judgment to the U.S. District Court without change.

Sincerely,

Diane C Whitlock